



**Kingston Conservation Advisory Council  
Monthly Meeting, Kingston City Hall  
Minutes  
Date: October 11, 2016 6:30-9:30pm**

**Council Members** Elizabeth Broad (via conference call), Lorraine Farina, Emilie Hauser (Vice-Chair), Lynn Johnson, Kevin McEvoy (Secretary), Julie Noble (Chair), Casey Schwarz

- I. Welcome Guests and Public Comment:** The meeting called to order at 6:36PM by the Chairperson. No guests were present. There was no public comment.
- II. Review and Approval September 2016 Meeting Minutes:** Upon motion made by Casey and seconded by Lynn, the September 2016 Meeting Minutes as amended were unanimously approved by the council.
- III. Old Business**
  - 1. NRI Project extension discussion:** Julie reported on the Hudson River Estuary Program Stewardship grant award announcement for the City of Kingston in the amount of \$24,500 to fund an open space plan. The grant period is to run from November 2016 for two years. Public meetings concerning the combined open space plan that consultant John Mickelson is working on for Towns of Wawarsing and Rochester are to be held at Wawarsing Town Hall on October 20, and at Rochester Town Hall on October 21. Matt Akin is in the process of getting John Mickelson the geospatial data. Kevin reported on weekly conference calls with Matt Akin & Krista Micelli.
  - 2. Wood Burning/Air Quality Public Meeting planning and next steps:**
    - a. Brochure and Information Meeting:** A brochure outlining the safety/health/pollution effects of burning wood was produced by CAC and distributed by the Fire Department during school Fire Safety Week. Julie suggested an agenda for a public education meeting, which was discussed among the council as possibly being at the Hodge Center in January. It was informally agreed that more discussion of goals/scope of wood burning air quality message would be needed and that Building Safety should be brought into the agenda discussion. A possible January date was mentioned.
    - b. Research and Outreach:** Lorraine reported on her additional outreach and research including speaking with the Principal Air Quality Engineer at the Bay Area Air Quality Management District (BAAQMD is in the San Francisco Bay area), Katherine Hoag. Ms. Hoag said that in urban/town areas, BAAQMD's position is that wood not be burned. She provided information and links to EPA-funded studies (one in particular in LA) into reliable air quality sensors/monitors that can be used in municipal settings, as well as other municipalities' mechanisms for funding programs for "swapping out" wood burning devices for cleaner burning gas/electric ones. Lorraine continued research into potential grants to fund purchase of a monitor to record levels of PM 2.5 and to possibly fund change-outs of wood burning devices and will speak with Kristin Wilson City Grants Manager as an action item. Lorraine further spoke again to technical representatives of TSI, the producer of PM 2.5 monitors recommended by Sander

Bonvell to learn more about calibration of the device. A link to low cost air quality sensors being under consideration in 2014 by the South Coast Air Quality Management District in Southern California is below:

<http://www.aqmd.gov/home/library/public-information/2014-news-archives/air-quality-sensors>

An additional link to the NYS Healthy Neighborhoods Program, which seeks to reduce the burden of housing related illness and injury through a holistic, healthy homes approach including air quality, is below:

[https://www.health.ny.gov/environmental/indoors/healthy\\_neighborhoods/](https://www.health.ny.gov/environmental/indoors/healthy_neighborhoods/)

Lorraine and Casey will review wood burning matters as an action item.

3. **Barge Anchorage on Hudson River finalize comments:** The council members reviewed the draft comments circulated by Julie and made comments and changes. The council will amend the draft and forward to the Coast Guard. The council members approved this action by unanimous acclamation.
4. **Irish Cultural Center Hudson Valley (ICC) finalize comments:** The Council is reviewing the latest Environmental Assessment Form in order to consider making comments.
5. **Zoning Code Review discussion:** Kevin reported to the Council on last communications with Pace Law, Jennifer Schwartz Berky and Planning Dept. regarding zoning matters within scope of the Climate Action Plan.

#### IV. New Business

1. **Change of November CAC meeting date:** By unanimous acclamation, the council members agreed to change the date of the November meeting from 11-8-16 (Election Day) to 11-9-16.
2. **DPW:** CAC will invite Joseph Chenier, the new DPW department head to a future meeting to discuss matters within CAC scope.

#### V. Announcements/Communications/Events

1. **October 15<sup>th</sup> Electric Vehicle event SUNY Ulster-Kingston Campus, Mary's Ave:** Drive Electric Hudson Valley is holding a workshop from 11-1230PM on 10-15-16. Link to the event is here:  
<http://wp.sustainhv.org/programs/drive-electric-hudson-valley>
2. **October 24 Municipal Meeting, State Climate Initiatives SUNY Ulster-Stone Ridge Campus:** Clean energy and climate resources for your community is the focus of an event featuring Dazzle Ekblad (DEC), Brad Tito (NYSERDA), Carla Castillo (Hudson Valley Regional Council) and Amanda LaValle (UC Dept. of the Environment) 6:30-9PM on 10-24-16.

#### VI. Reports/Updates

1. **Kingston Sidewalk Task Force (Lorraine Farina):** Joseph Chenier from DPW attended. Gabrielle Weiss, consulting intern, has drafted a new draft sidewalk code. Discussion concerning bluestone outside the historic districts may have to be brought to the Public Safety or Laws & Rules Committee of Common Council. Documents to review include: (1.) current code (2.) Sidewalk Improvement District and Ithaca Code (3.) Frequently Asked Questions concerning Sidewalk Improvement Code.
2. **Planning Board Liaison (Casey Schwarz):** ICC on the next meeting together with Health Alliance.
3. **Public Safety Liaison (Lynn Johnson):** Anchorage resolution passed by the committee.

4. **Climate Smart Kingston (Julie Noble):** The following was reported: (a) The City Comptroller has energy use data; (b) Expedited Solar permits are under review; (c) Water Department has purchased a hybrid vehicle; (d) Green infrastructure techniques are being implemented in uptown parking lot with respect to stormwater runoff.
5. **Ulster County Climate Smart Committee (Betta Broad):** Betta has been appointed to be the City of Kingston representative to that committee.
6. **Ulster County Environmental Management Council Liaison (Emilie Hauser):** Emilie reported a discussion concerning possible fees for plastic bags.
7. **Solid Waste Management Improvement Commission (Julie Noble):** Julie reported that the matter is continued and in progress.
8. **Sea Level Rise Implementation Learning Group (Julie Noble):** The group will convene on November 10 in Beacon. Emergency services may be on the agenda, together with water infrastructure and community outreach.
9. **Climate Adaptive Design Studio (Julie Noble):** A brief introduction on flood risk and climate resiliency in Kingston is to be followed by stakeholder review of Cornell student concept plans for the study area (Block Park/Island Dock) at the Hudson River Maritime Museum on October 17.

**VII. Adjournment:** Upon motion made by Casey and seconded by Lynn, the Council members unanimously resolved to adjourn at 9:02 pm.

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